(c) As per the information furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods (P) Ltd., it has entered into a leasing arrangement for the manufacture of the above products. Under the lease terms Pepsi Foods procures the raw materials, finances the working capital of the leased unit, supervises quality control and packaging development and the end product is branded under the company's own brand name.

Corruption Charges against IAS and other High Officials

1704. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that increasing number of IAS and comparable categories of officers at various levels are being charged with committing irregularities and holding assets more than their incomes; what is the number of such officers investigated, charged, apprehended, suspended, discharged and dismissed during last three years; and

(b) what are the reasons for the decline in the standard of High level officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Payment of Commission to NIC for contracts

1705. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that contracts between KOBE STEEL LTD. (KSL) Japan, and Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Limited (GSFC) for the supply of screw type Amonia Gas Compressor set in the year 1987, and between KSL Japan, and Saurashtra Chemicals for the supply of SRM oil free compressor set in the year 1986 have materialized: if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that KSL, Japan, used Nissho Iwai Corporation (NIC), a Japanese commercial company in India, as an agent in the above mentioned contracts; if so, how much commission was paid to NIC; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that NIC (Nissho Iwai Corporation) further used Indian sub-agents in these contracts and paid commissions to them; if so, who were these sub-agents and what services were provided by them to NIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) In March 1987, M|s. Gujarat State Fertilizers Company Ltd. (GSFC) purchased two screw type ammonia compressors from M|s Kobe Steel Ltd. (KSL), Japan, based on techno-commercial suitability and on competitive bidding. Saurashtra Chemicals purchased a screw compressor from Kobe Steel, which was commissioned in 1988.

Neither GSFC nor Saurashtra Chemicals paid any commission on the purchase; they have no knowledge about any commission having been paid to Nissho Iwai Corporation or its sub-agents.

Avenues of promotions to Stenographers cadre

1706. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the revised and pre-revised scales of pay and channels of promotions available to Senior Stenographers and above in Central Secretariat|Government Services as per Central Civil Services Rules, 1986 etc.: and

(b) what is the minimum required length of services, level of educational qualifications etc. prescribed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A statement giving the information is attached herewith.

Statement

The Stenographer in the Central Secretariat and those in the subordinate offices of the Government of India are governed by a separate rules. The information relating to parts (a) and (b) of the question so far as it pertains to Central Secretariat Stenographers Service Cadre is concerned is as under:—

Post	Scale of pay	Channels of promotions minimum length of service, level of educational qualifications etc.
1	2	3
1. Stenographer Grade D	Revised scale Rs. 1200—2040 (pre-revised scale) (Rs. 330—560)	Recruitment to Stenographer Grade D is made through Departmental Examination conducted by Staff Selection Commission quarterly from the members of the Central Secretariat Clerical Service. Vacancies remaining unfilled are filled up by direct recuitment on the basis of All India Open Competitive Examination conducted by Staff Selection Commission. The minimum recruitment qualification prescribed is Matriculation with proficiency in Stenography at a speed of 80 wpm. Stenographers Grade D with 5 years service in this grade are eligible for promotion against 25% of the posts of Stenographer Grade C. Stenographer Grade D with 3 years service are eligible for Limited Departmental Competitive Examination conducted for filling up 25% of the posts of Stenographer Grade C.
2. Stenographer Grade C	Revised Scale Rs. 1640—2900 (pre-revised scale Rs. 425—800)	50% of the posts of Stenographers Grade A & B (merged) are filled by promotion from amongst Grade C Stenographers with 8 years service in the grade and 50% of the posts of Stenographer Grade A&B (merged) are filled u-through promotion on the basis of Limited Departmental Competitive Examination conducted by UPSC from amongst Grade C Stenographers having the requisite eligibility service of 5 years in Grade C of CSSS with proficiency in shorthand at a speed o 100 wpm.
3. Stenographer Grade A&B (merged)	Revised scale Rs. 2000 3500 (pre-revised scale Rs. 650 1200 for Steno Grade A and Rs. 650 1040 for Steno Grade B)	Stenographer Grade A&B (merged) o the Central Secretariat Stenographer Service with minimum 8 years regula service are eligible for promotion t the grade of Private Secretary.
4. Private Secretary	Revised sacale Rs. 3000 4500 (There was no pre-revised scale as this is a new grade introduced on recommendation of the 4th Pay Commission).	There is no higher grade in the Centra Secretariat Stenographers Service.

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The information relting to parts (a) and (b) of the question in respect of Stenographer n subordinate offices is as under:—		
1. Stenogapher Grade III	Revised pay scale Rs. 1200—2040 (pre-revised scale Rs. 330—560)	Recruitment to Stenographer Grade III is made by direct recruitment and the educational and other qualifications prescribed are Matriculation or equivalent and a speed of 80 wpm in Stenography (English/Hindi). Stenographer Grade III wth 5 years reguar service in the grade will be eligilble for promotion to Stenographer Grade II.
2. Stenographer Grade II	Revised pay scale Rs. 1400—2600 (pre-revised scale Rs. 425-700)	Stenographer Grade II with 5 yers regular service in the grade will be eligible or promotion to Stenographer Grade I.
3. Stenographer Grade I	Revised pay scale Rs. 1640-2900 (pre-revised scale Rs. 550—900)	Stenographer Grade I in the scale of Rs 1640—2900 with two vears rgular srvice in the grade failing which with combined regular service or 7 yrs. in Stenographer Grade I and Stenographer Grade II (Rs. 1400-2000) and failing both Stenographer Grade in the scale of Rs. 1400—2600 with 7 years regular service in the grade will be eligible for promotion to Senior P.A. In case there is no post of Stenographer Grade I (Rs. 1640—2000 only Stenographers in the scale of Rs. Rs. 1400-2600 with the requisite service is kept as the feeder grade. Rs. 1400-2600 with the reteqer seser kept as the feeder grade
4. Senior (P.A.)	Revised pay scale Rs 2000-3200 (There was no pre-revised scale as thisanew grade introduced on recommendation of the 4th Pay Commssion)	There is no higher grade in the subordinate offices.

Promoton of Grade 'A' Stenographers

1707. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have considered the cases of a number of Grade 'A' Stenographers for giving them the chances of advancement by way of allowing *inter-se*-seniority with that of Section Officers Cadre for the posts of Under Secretaries and equivalent;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of Grade 'A' Stenographers who have changed their line and considered for the posts of Under Secretaries and equivalent from the years 1986-87 to March, 1990; and

(c) what is the total number of Grade 'A' Stenographers in Central Secretariat Government Offices who have stagnated in their respective scales of pay for over eight years; and whether any efforts are being made by Government to redress their grievances, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Stenographers Grade A of Central Sectt.